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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned loan to State Government of Orissa to implement an integrated coastal zone management plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any expert group has examined the causes for the sea erosion in Puri sea beach and other coastal areas of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) & (b): Funding for the Project Preparation Facility is available under a World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project for which Ministry of Environment and Forests is the nodal Ministry for preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans for identified stretches in three States namely, Orissa, West Bengal and Gujarat on a pilot scale.

(c) & (d) : The Ministry had sponsored a study to the Institute for Ocean Management, Chennai for preparation of an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for the Puri-Konark stretch of Orissa. This study interalia covers the health of coastal systems and the biodiversity, the promotion of sustainable use of the coastal resources including eco-tourism and the improvement of the livelihood securities of local communities.